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MUD FOR LEGISLATORS.

"Most legislation at Sacramento is de-

signed to hurt somebody. The Senate

does not employ themselves correcting

errors and promoting the honest inter-

ests of the people, but unless they can

catch somebody they imagine they are

not doing their duty."

That quotation is from the San Fran-

cisco Post, and the Post should be

ashamed of its utterance. Most legisla-

tion at Sacramento is not designed to

hurt anybody, and even the careless

writer of the quoted words cannot sup-

pose that it is. A legislature which

chiefly devoted itself to injuring some-

body would hardly endure for a single

session, so that would be the last of

popular indignation which would blow

upon it. Nor have the Senate as idea

that they must "catch" somebody if

they would do their duty; the ridicu-

lous assertion answers itself.

There is too much of this undignified

and indigestible proclamation that all

or most legislators are venal. Suppose

that the assertion were badly true, to

whom would be the chief reproach? To

the people, of course. Do not the peo-

ple elect these legislators, and if they

elect only knaves, who but themselves

are to blame? Nor can any proposition

be so true that lawmakers generally

represent fairly well those who elect

them. If our representatives are venal

as we must look back of them for the

root of the disease.

Possibly, however, the Post bases its

generalization on its acquaintance

with the San Francisco delegation in

the legislature. We do not say that this

is so, for we have little acquaintance

with the lawmakers from the metropoli-

tan, but if it be so, then the Post should

confine the application of its remarks to

the city's delegation, for they cannot

truthfully be applied to the mass of law-

makers from the interior. Three of the

citizens of Fresno county are in the

present legislature, one as senator and

two as assemblymen. One is a Republi-

can, another a Democrat and still an-

other a Populist, and it would be

difficult to make the people of the

county believe that there is a racial or a

"climatic" among them. This is the

situation with reference to this county

alone, but we happen to know that

something very much the same sort

might be written of every county in the

valley, and doubtless the condition gen-

erally is similar throughout the state.

When the legislature do wrong it is

just and right to criticize them, regard-

less of partisanship, but nothing but

injury can be worked by the heaping of

miscellaneous and wholesale abuse upon

them. "Give a dog a bad name and his

will deserve it" is a saying which is as

applicable to lawmakers as to anybody.

If we elected none but legislators to

the legislature, it would behoove us in

very chance to conceal the fact, for the

grievous reflection would be on us. But

we do not do so; nobody with any

knowledge of human nature will for a

moment doubt that the average law-

maker is really desirous of doing his

duty by the people he represents.

There are political limitations upon the

desire, but it is genuine nevertheless.

There should be less of the impression

that the legislature is a legitimate tar-

get for verbal mud; it does not de-

serve it.

This talk of removing the state cap-

ital because a Sacramento weekly pa-

per has made a virulent attack on the

legislature, is childish. It might be sup-

posed that the legislature should be too

big to be affected by a single paper's

chatter. And suppose that the capital

were removed to Oakland, as the cap-

ital laws have the legislature any guar-

antee that some paper down there would

not attack them at some time or other?

And suppose that the capital were re-

moved, what then? Would the legislature

immediately move the capital again, and

so on ad infinitum? Then would it not

be well to put the building on wheels,

and so have things convenient? The

whole business is little; too little to re-

ceive a state legislature's attention. If

there were any good reason for remov-

ing the capital from Sacramento, it must

be something else than a newspaper ut-

terance.

The afternoon paper very authen-

tically commends the majority of the

Board of Supervisors for their economy

as manifested in discontinuing the pos-

ition of night jailer. It is proper to re-

member in this connection, however,

that the supervisors who abolished the

place in the interests of economy were

perfectly willing to have it continued if

they could be permitted to reward some

partisan worker with a position. In fact,

they made such appointment, in fact,

and it was not until the sheriff declined

to have this office that they decided to

be a useless imposition on the taxpayers.

They demonstrated their intention to continue

the place and fill it with a Populist or

Democrat. This is economy, of course,

but its motive is not altogether admin-

istrative.

During the month of November the

government coined more than 1,000,000

one cent pieces, and a contemporary

wrote to know where they all go. Not

many of them come to the Pacific Coast

states, certainly, but in the East the

penny coin is a big figure in business trans-

actions. It pays for fare, buys news-

papers and a hundred and one articles

that have not descended below the

nickel mark in the West. A great many

of the copper coins also find their way

into the contribution boxes. We of the

far West marvel at the number of cop-

pers issued from the mint because they

do not realize how extensively they enter

into business affairs in the older sec-

tions of the country.

The people of Fresno county will ex-

pect their legislative representatives to

be on their guard against any and all

schemes of other counties to secure

Fresno territory. The sentiment of the

people is against further division, and if

given due notice of any such conten-

planted job they will make their oppo-

sition very plain to the legislature.

Active preparations are being made

for the forthcoming Farmer's Institute

in this city. It is intended to make it

one of the most interesting sessions ever

held in the state, and farmers through-

out the county should demonstrate by

their attendance that they appreciate

the importance and practical value of

these conferences.

NOTWITHSTANDING the hard times \$10,

000,000 was given to American colleges

last year. There is still some hope for

society in which the rich and well to

do give liberally for the benefit of the

people at large. All the facts do not

furnish arguments for the pessimist.

AS NOBODY knows county is in evidence

with some attractive samples of oranges

grown in the sheltered valleys of her

foothill districts. Pretty soon Califor-

nia's citrus citrus belt will be broad

enough to cover two or three states of

ordinary size.

SACRAMENTO HAS NO odorous scandal.

A supervisor charges that the coroner

paid \$1500, two years ago, to be ap-

pointed. Of course the coroner denies

it, but his denial leaves room for a large

suspicion.

The assertion that Nevada will follow

her prize-fighting law with a law to en-

courage fighters leads to the suspicion

that the Silver state is ambitious to be-

come the "acres track" of the union.

RANDOM REMARKS.

Up in Stockton, according to the Mail,

there is a woman who imagines that she

is Christ. She must think that she is a

long way from home.

There is some consolation for Grover

even in the role of 57 to 1, by which the

Texas judicial district was posted after

over the wall. It might have been 53 to

0, for instance.

Well, if the Santa Enterprise and I

cannot quite agree concerning the Brad-

ford matter, we can at least agree to

disagree, and that is not so bad a

thing, is it, neighbor?

The killing of those tramps down at

Tulare by drinking wood alcohol, which

they had stolen, might suggest to a suf-

ficiently callous person the advisability of

leaving wood alcohol around quite fre-

quently.

That Washington clergyman who in

the first place held communion services

and then urged the church members to

remain and drink, is a case of a man

who is to be congratulated in one

respect, at any rate. He gave the Lord

the preference in the order of cere-

monies; he let the Almighty hold the first,

and Mrs. Cleveland the second, recep-

tion. So the case is not so bad as it

might have been, after all. It was an

error of judgment, but really it might

have been worse.

The Virginia City (Nevada) papers

say that many women are urging that

they be given an opportunity to see the

Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight. Of the

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Fruit and Grain Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 9.—The fol-

lowing are prices furnished by the San

Francisco Fruit Exchange. Jobbing:

SUGAR BEET.

Apples—Fancy, 1.30; choice, 1.20;

choice, 1.10; standard, 1.00; prime, 90c;

Apples—Evaporator 50c; can dried

35c.

Peaches—Fancy, 50c; choice, 45c;

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Additional Local on Pages 1 and 4.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

Fresno, February 9.—Observations taken at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Barometer	30.04
Thermometer	46
Relative humidity	46
Wind	Light
Clouds	100
Maximum temperature for past 24 hours	56
Minimum temperature for past 24 hours	36
Total rainfall for past 24 hours	0.00
Total rainfall for season	0.00

Weather Forecast.—A light rain or drizzle for the next 24 hours, with a maximum temperature of 56 and a minimum of 36.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

The above reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of parties caught stealing or defacing telegraph boxes which are placed in front of the residences of county subscribers.

LOCAL REVERIES.

Prime roasts at City market. Harnes repairing at Schweizer's. Oranges, \$1 per 100 at 353 J street. Plant stock best seed. Hammond. Bacon and ham at the City Market. Ladies' \$7.00 Cleveland at Warner's. New and elegant wall paper at McVey's. Mushrooms and string beans at Blackler's.

Money to loan at Jacob Clark & Co's, 1035 J street.

New line of carpets and matting at W. F. McVey's.

Record Clark yesterday fined John Underly \$5.00 for disturbing the peace.

Special excursion train Fresno to Merced, via Southern Pacific next Sunday, 14th inst., 81.05 round trip.

Violet Winters and Maggie Anderson, the courtesans arrested recently on a charge of robbing a shepherd, have been let go.

The Parlor Lecture Club will meet Thursday, February 11th, at 2:30 o'clock. The musical department will have charge of the afternoon.

A. Patigan, the junk dealer who was recently guilty of failing to keep a register, as required by law, was fined \$5 yesterday by Recorder Clark.

For \$2.75 you can get both the *Western* and *Illustrated* monthly for one year. Send order to *Western* office.

Frank Smith pleaded not guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace before Recorder Clark yesterday. He will be tried this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The *Bernardine* baseball nine will go to Merced next Sunday via Southern Pacific. Special rate, \$1.85 round trip. For full particulars inquire at P. Depot.

The Northside Whist Club met last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Romain. Mrs. E. H. Austin was the first prize and Mrs. T. J. Hay the second.

The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be a meeting of the whole chamber.

Alex. Parke, who eluded W. M. Bridges with a record about two weeks ago, was held to answer yesterday by Justice Austin on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

John Murray, who passed a forged draft for \$27 on the Citizens' Savings Company recently, was taken into custody by St. John yesterday and informed of his rights. His bail was fixed at \$2000.

The death rate during January in Fresno county was unusually large. There were 40 deaths, including 15 females. The births numbered twenty-five—seventeen males and eight females.

Robert G. Barton will ride an exhibition half-mile at the Nevada race track, take place at the Nevada race track, Feb. 15th, and Tuesday, February 16th. We are overhauling our stock in every department, and every odd article and short length will be offered at an immense sacrifice. There will be a large stock of pianos, tables, chairs, and other furniture, and a large stock of other goods. These from the remnants of a collection gathered from every market of the world—from the looms of Roubaix and Lyons to the domestic manufacturer's plant and the domestic manufacturer's plant.

The Grreatest of All

The wonderful bargain sales at Wiener's dry goods department, Wiener block, 1815 Tulare street, will have the grandest sale of the year, 15th and Tuesday, February 16th. We are overhauling our stock in every department, and every odd article and short length will be offered at an immense sacrifice. There will be a large stock of pianos, tables, chairs, and other furniture, and a large stock of other goods. These from the remnants of a collection gathered from every market of the world—from the looms of Roubaix and Lyons to the domestic manufacturer's plant and the domestic manufacturer's plant.

If You Want Any

Pictures framed take them to G. H. Riegle's. He has the prettiest and largest stock in town.

Special Study

Made of appropriate picture framing. Fleeter, sign painter, opposite the Barton opera house.

Pure Milk.

1 pint, \$1 per gallon; 1 quart, \$1.50; half gallon, \$3; gallon, \$4.50. Belmont Dairy, J. V. Story.

Owing to repairs now being made at the DeWitt hall, the members of the Christian church will, by arrangement, meet with the members of the South Methodist church in prayer meeting at Kutner hall on this evening.

Mr. Grocer: there are thousands of people who want good tea (many don't drink tea now, because it has been either costly or bad) and here is *Schilling's Best*—good tea at a fair price. Don't you want to sell lots of such tea, and money-back if your customers don't like it?

A. Schilling & Company, San Francisco.

SAM JACKSON ON TRIAL

For Embezzling Money From Mrs. Rawlins

WHILE ACTING AS HER AGENT

Assistant District Attorney Jones Opening Statement—Mrs. Rawlins on the Stand.

The trial of Sam Jackson, the attorney on a charge of embezzlement was begun in Judge Webb's department of the superior court yesterday morning. The jury was obtained with remarkable rapidity, being completed by 11 o'clock. Before adjournment at noon Assistant District Attorney Jones made the opening statement for the people.

The specific charge on which Jackson is being tried is the embezzlement of \$104 from Mrs. Rebecca A. Rawlins, while acting as her agent and in complete control of all her business affairs. The defendant was indicted by the grand jury on this and a similar charge. The prosecution is being conducted by Assistant District Attorney Jones and Stanton L. Carter, while Jackson is represented by W. D. Tupper and F. H. Short.

The case is very interesting, though complicated, and one which has given the lawyers plenty of work. Upon the death of Mr. Rawlins the attorney acting as his agent, being a man of about 65 years of age, and having a large family, the estate was left in a state of confusion. Jackson, who had been acting as the agent for the estate, was accused of embezzling the money.

Jackman kept his accounts in such a manner, however, that it may be difficult to prove fraud against him. It is true that he failed to account for money that he received, but himself can explain them, and he may be able to do so satisfactorily when the proper time comes. In fact his attorney asserts that he will be able to do so.

As Mrs. Rawlins was unable to have her agent for general insurance companies, and had other business, but he did not keep a separate account of anything.

The prosecution rests its case on the fact that Jackson, who was acting as the agent for the estate, was accused of embezzling the money.

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THE DONNER PARTY.

Interesting Lecture by William G. Murphy, a Survivor.

Those who attended the lecture on the "Donner Party" at Kutner hall last night, delivered by one of the survivors, William G. Murphy, were well rewarded for their trouble.

He gave an account of the formation of the ill-fated Donner Party and its subsequent sufferings in the Sierras and Utah and Nevada. While struggling through the passes of the Sierras in the winter of 1846-7 an early and severe snowstorm overtook them and rendered further progress impossible.

Mr. Murphy was then a small boy, one of a considerable family of small children. His mother and brother starved to death during that terrible winter, but he, after many privations, was providentially delivered.

The pictures drawn of the scenes of starvation and the straits to which the party were put were very vivid and graphic, and he gave a detailed account of one of the party who sustained himself by eating the flesh of his dead companions.

Snider's fort was then the residence of the only civilized men in that locality and thither the survivors bent their steps, finding a welcome and safe shelter.

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